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Thanks

- .. Parents for your support this term.
- .. To those parents who accompanied our seniors on their Rock Wall Day
- .. Those parents who supported the middle school at this week's Summer Sports Tournament.

People of the week

- .. Marina who was part of the Kamo Girls' Brigade team in the 'Relay for Life' event 20/21 March. She completed 30 laps (400m) in her 4 hour time allocation from 5.00-9.00 pm on the Saturday. Well done Marina.
- .. Jess who also competed in the above event - running for over 5 hours (nana would be very proud of you).
- .. Michael who showed great kindness and consideration to a fellow student this week.

Final day

- .. of term 1 is Thursday 1 April. School resumes Monday 19 April. No newsletter next week.

Our overarching Virtue

Several weeks back parents received a copy of the overarching virtue for 2010. This was written by our children and identifies some of the hows and whys of self-management. We hope you have placed this in a prominent place at home and that you have..

- .. discussed it
- .. taken opportunities to highlight the importance of self-management in your life
- .. identified some areas in your child(ren)s lives where they self manage well.
- .. found some areas where they could improve.

We would suggest that for many children regular homework routines, packing their drink bottle etc. remain possible areas for focus. Next term we will ask for examples of success to share through the newsletter, and children will have specific weekly / fortnightly virtues tasks which you can support at home.

A special thanks to those who have already made this area a focus at home.



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Skate Days - Message from the School Council

On Thursday 1 April Council will be holding a Skate Day between 12.45pm - 1.30. No bikes are allowed, however, children can bring skateboards, scooters, ripsticks, pogo sticks and rollerblades. All equipment will be stored in the hall until lunchtime. Safety gear must be worn at ALL TIMES!!! (covered shoes, helmets etc).

Cricket Match with Huanui College

We have organised a cricket match with Huanui College for Wednesday 31 March. Parents of children selected for this match will have received a letter last week. We are still a car short for transport and so please phone Mr D urgently if you can help. Questions please to Mr D. Should be a great match.

Swimming Pool

The pool will close around 1 - 3 April depending on the water temperature. Parents may opt to return their key at the end of the season or hold this over if intending to hire again in 2011. Thank you to those people who hired pool keys this season.

Lost Property

Please take time to look through the mountain of lost property in the bin outside Room 10 (Mrs Williams' room). Items unclaimed by the end of next week will be donated to charities.

Reminder - Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Please return Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation Forms on Monday, even if you do not want your child immunised.

Board Annual Meeting

Will be held 6:00 PM Tuesday 11 May.

Headlice

It appears that these unwelcome critters have made a re-appearance in some rooms. We would be grateful if all parents could re-check their children this weekend and treat if necessary before Monday. And please also check again at the end of the holidays before return to school. Thanks.

Environmental Studies

As part of environmental studies, the Senior School have been researching all aspects of keeping Chickens. Our goal is to keep chickens at school using our food scraps as part of their diet and selling eggs to the community to fund the purchase of pellets etc. If you are able to assist in any way, or can provide a chicken coop or materials to build one, we would be very grateful. Please contact Julie Williams in Room 10.

School T-Shirts/Polar Fleecees

As part of school policy, all children are required to wear a School T-Shirt whenever they attend events away from school. T-Shirts and polar fleecees can be purchased from the office as follows:

T Shirts	Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	\$20.00
	Size 14	\$21.50
	Size 16+	\$23.00
Polar Fleecees	Size 5, 7	\$33.00
	Size 8-16	\$38.00

Bible in Schools Programme

This programme resumes in term 2. Attendance / non-attendance lists will be as per last year unless parents advise otherwise. Non attending children will be allocated extra work (often in areas of need identified in teacher / parent / student conferences) and will be supervised and assisted with this work. Parents may opt children either in or out of the Bible in Schools Programme after the first or second session but we would like classes settled by week 3. Thanks to those giving their time to this programme.

School Netball teams

Children interested in playing netball this year should see Miss Hewitt no later than this coming Monday (trickling in but Monday final day please). Thanks to those awesome parents helping out this year - further offers of parent assistance would be really helpful to ease the load.

Lost

Rugby Ball - all black with a picture of New Zealand. If you took it from outside Room 5 on Tuesday please return to Mrs Abbott in Room 5.

Skids Easter Holiday Program

If you are planning on booking your children into our Easter fun packed Holiday Program you need to be quick!



Please complete the application form/flyer that came home with last week's newsletter or collect one from the School Office. Alternatively email matarau@skids.co.nz to receive one electronically. This is child focused daily childcare throughout the Easter break 8am-6pm or just half days. CYFS approved and great subsidies available conditions apply. See Flyer for more details.

Shave 2010 - Message from Miss Bevin

Did you know that every day 6 New Zealand children and adults are diagnosed with blood cancers like leukaemia and lymphoma? My sister and I have decided to do this crazy thing but it's all for a fabulous cause. We are doing this for our friends, family and the too many people whose lives are touched by cancer. This is something we can do - 'cos we can't do the one thing we really want, and that is to find a cure.

If you would like to make a donation go to the website www.shaveforacure.co.nz and look us up 'Samantha Bevin' & 'Michele Cook' or make a gold coin donation on the day.

Venue: Matarau School Hall, Date & Time: Friday 23rd April at 12.45pm. Many thanks for your support.

Trail Ride

Raffle tickets are still available from the office. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return to the office asap. Thank you.

Community Notices

For Rent - 2 bedroom cottage, close to school, double garage, Ruatangata. \$240 per wk. Phone Tracey 0212024951 or 4335918.

For Rent - House, Kamo, quiet neighbours 3 bdrm, had complete makeover, new everything including appliances, carpet etc lg sgl gg with storage, small sloping section, 2 lounges, decik with fabulous rural views. Avail now \$300pw. Ph Hana 4350230

For Rent - Kamo central, 4 bdrm, polished floors, dishwasher, heat-pump and transfer system, dbl gg and OSP, flat fenced section, deck, 2 min walk to high school. \$360 avail 17/04 or poss earlier. Ph Hana 4350230.

For Sale - Beautiful Black Ram

For Sale - Volcanic Topsoil \$25 per kilo. Ph 433 5149.

For Sale - Pair of rugby boots, worn once. Size 5. Ph Helen 433 5512 \$35.

For Sale - Large sacks of pine cones \$10 per sack. All money raised is to help Agrikids to travel to Gore in June. Contact Andrew or Brad ph 433 5061.

For Sale - Boys Sports Gear - Adidas Adinova soccer boots, size 8 very good condition, \$40, AND1 basketball boots, size 8, like new, \$70, FOX Tracker MX boots, size 8, very good condition, \$120, FOX MX pants, like new, black/grey, size 28" waist, \$70, Thor MX shirt, blue/black, like new, size large youth, \$30. Ph 4335735 or 0276100303.

Wanted - Gardening work, reasonable rates Ph 433 5149

Two Days Only - Noel Leeming offer to friends & family of Matarau School, Any product purchased all for Cost +10%+GST. Tues 4th & Wed 5th May 2010.

Board Election

Closing date for nominations is 23 April (although earlier is better)

Polling day is 7 May.

Would encourage more nominations for this important role.

To see if our electoral roll contains all of the necessary details (including addresses) please phone Donna Cates at school.

Nomination Forms were posted weekend before last - please contact Donna if you did not receive one.

Board and PTA

The school owes much to the dedicated parents who have served on either the Board or PTA in earlier years. Many of the resources and facilities we currently enjoy bear testament to many hours of diligent and selfless service. As we approach a new election it seems timely to reflect on how we can configure these organisations to best serve the school into the years ahead. From early next term the Board and PTA will be discussing how these organisations might be merged to create a single body. It is hoped that this will lead to less duplication of function and greater cohesion of the various roles. This **may** mean secondment of additional members to the new (super) board **but this decision will need to be made by the incoming board** post election. Parents who have served, or anticipated serving, on the PTA should seriously consider putting their name forward for the forthcoming election. The Board will particularly need members with talents in the areas of finance, fund-raising, and communications. If you would like to discuss any of these possibilities, or evaluate your suitability for any of these roles, please don't hesitate to contact Alison or Kevin. Parents can rest assured that in whatever way you have served in the past is deeply appreciated, and that there will be plenty of such opportunities into the future.

Final thought

I have spent a fair bit of time this week working in classrooms. Even though I usually take my office work worth me, this does give me the opportunity to get a feel for rooms, to get to know the children better, and to identify how I might better support teachers. I have been deeply impressed by the tone of interaction, by the depth and quality of learning programmes and by the commitment of children to improve their learning. This has been a great start to the year and there is plenty to get excited about in the year to come. Exceptionally low class numbers (in most cases) is resulting in real gains for learners (especially in the junior and senior schools) and 2010 initiatives are bedding down nicely.

Enjoy some quality time together this Easter. Travel safely. Looking forward to having you all on deck again 19 April.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Trail Bike Ride - Major School Fundraiser - **Sunday 11 April 2010** at Lovell's farm.

Thanks to those who attended this weeks meeting.

Additional helpers are still required. If anyone can help on the morning with parking, registrations and selling food and drink or in the afternoon on the BBQ and packing up, please contact Murray Mortimer on 4350373 or email wendymort@xtra.co.nz.

More raffle tickets available from the office.

